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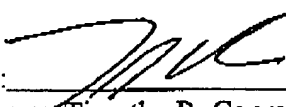
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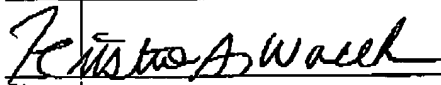
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In response to the final Office Action mailed July 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows for the purpose of placing this application in condition for allowance:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. While reserving all rights to file future continuation applications with the canceled claims, claims 29-30 are canceled. Claim 18 is amended to only add a "whereby" clause to clarify the consequences of previously claimed structure.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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